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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-14 are pending examination.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 4/5/04 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Teitelbaum (U.S. Patent 5,872,834).

Regarding claims 1, 7, and 11:

Teitelbaum discloses a method, program, and apparatus for registering the position of a terminal equipment, comprising: a personal information managing step, by a personal information management unit, of registering personal information for each user, the personal information linking a subscribed terminal number, a terminal subscriber identification number and user charging information to biological information

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of a user possessing the terminal equipment (col. 8, lines 64-67); an authentication request receiving step, by an authentication request receiving unit, of receiving from the terminal equipment an authentication request containing the user biological information and the terminal subscriber authentication information (col. 7, lines 30-50); a biological information authentication step, by a biological information authentication unit, of retrieving personal information having biological information matching the received biological information and of changing terminal subscriber information in the retrieved personal identification into the received terminal subscriber identification information (Ibid); and a position registration proxy step, by a position registration proxy unit, of transferring the subscribed terminal number in the personal information retrieved and the received terminal subscriber identification information to an exchange and of requesting position information registration which enables call in and call out as a terminal equipment having the subscribed terminal number (Ibid; see also the call forwarding feature at col. 8, lines 5-10).

Regarding claims 2, 8, and 12:

Teitelbaum further discloses a use renouncement notification step of notifying a terminal equipment which has been used so far of renouncement of its use when position information is requested of the exchange which enables call in and call out as a terminal equipment having the subscribed terminal number based on the authentication of biological information from a new terminal equipment by the authentication request

receiving step, the biological information authentication step, and the position registration step (i.e. hanging up from a forwarded call, see col. 8, lines 5-11).

Regarding claims 3, 9, and 13:

Teitelbaum further discloses wherein the biological information received by the authentication request receiving step is biological information read in real time into the terminal equipment (e.g. col. 8, lines 40-50).

Regarding claims 4, 10, and 14:

Teitelbaum further discloses wherein the personal identification management step includes registering charged user identification information of a specific person among group members as common charged user identification of a plurality of terminal equipments owned by group members such that the specific person is charged (col. 8, lines 10-35).

Regarding claim 5:

Teitelbaum further discloses wherein the terminal equipment is a cellular phone (Figure 12, and col. 8, line 64 – col. 9, line 10).

Regarding claim 6:

Teitelbaum further discloses wherein the biological information is user's fingerprints, venous vascular network, palm print, palm shape, facial image, ear shape, or iris (e.g. col. 4, lines 20-30).

Conclusion

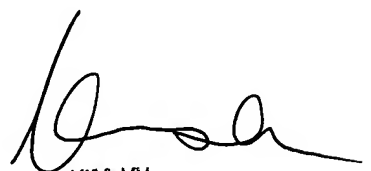
5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: U.S. Patents 6,765,470 to Shinzaki; 6,377,699 to Musgrave et al.; and 6,219,793 to Li et al.; and U.S. Pre-Grant Publications 2002/0087894 to Foley et al. and 2002/0060243 to Janiak et al.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tom Gyorfi whose telephone number is (571) 272-3849. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am - 5:00pm Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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